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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL ROK THIRD PARTY TRANSFERS
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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE ROKG AUTHORITIES THAT DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO APPROVE ROK REQUEST TO TRANSFER US-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES AS INDICATED BELOW:

ITEM	RECIPIENT	QUANTITY
106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE	GREECE	100
81 MM MORTAR	MOROCCO	200
PD M557 FUZE	ECUADOR	14,992
CLAYMORE MINE	THAILAND	5,000
81 MM MORTAR	THAILAND	18
81 MM MORTAR	KUWAIT	15

2. OUR APPROVAL OF THESE REQUESTS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN EXCEPTION TO STATED USG POLICY OF NOT APPROVING THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF US-ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED ABROAD UNDER CO-PRODUCTION PROCEDURES. WE HAVE BASED THESE EXCEPTIONS ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RECIPIENTS, US INTERESTS, AND ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE US ITSELF WOULD PROVIDE THE SAME ITEMS TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN COMPARABLE QUANTITIES. ANOTHER RELEVANT POINT IS THAT THE US CURRENTLY EITHER HAS NO PRODUCTION OR

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LIMITED PRODUCTION OF THESE ITEMS.

3. BEFORE PROVIDING OUR FINAL CONSENT TO THESE TRANSFERS, WE MUST SUBMIT A 30-DAY NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS AND OBTAIN TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM THE PROPOSED RECIPIENTS. WE PLAN TO DEFER SUBMISSION OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ASSURANCES FROM EACH PROPOSED RECIPIENT. ALL OF THESE PROPOSED TRANSFERS WILL BE HANDLED ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS, SINCE WE CANNOT APPROVE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

4. DEPARTMENT IS RESPONDING BY SEPTTEL TO REQUEST FOR LOAN OF GRENADE LAUNCHER TO MALAYSIA, AS REPORTED REF E.

5. FOR ATHENS, RABAT, QUITO, BANGKOK, AND KUWAIT. DEPARTMENT WILL SEND YOU BY SEPTTEL TEXT OF STANDARD TRANSFER AND USE ASSURANCES THAT YOU SHOULD ASK HOST GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE. VANCE

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